ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL

STATE BOARD MEETING DATE December 8, 2008

SUBJECT: Consideration of Approval for an Additional Teacher Education Program –

Bachelors of Arts, Early Childhood Education by the Ottawa University

SUBMITTED

Jan Amator, Deputy Associate Superintendent, Highly Qualified Professionals Unit

BY:

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: November 13, 2008

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

According to R7-2-604.02(M), new programs may be submitted for approval either by January 15th or July 15th of each year. If a new program approval request does not coincide with the Institute of Higher Education's normal review cycle, the appropriate Department of Education staff conducts the review, discusses the review findings with the appropriate program representatives from the institution, and makes recommendations to the State Board. All new programs will come to the Board with a recommendation for two-year approval. Since all institutions are on a five-year approval schedule, these programs will receive full review, including an on-site visit, within five years.

Ottawa University requests State Board approval of the Bachelors of Arts, Early Childhood Education. Following the site visit on October 21-21, Ottawa University withdrew this program for consideration of State Board approval. The program was re-submitted to ADE prior to July 15, 2008 and was reviewed by Patty Hardy, Director of Title IIA, Barbara Nolan, Education Program Specialist in the Highly Qualified Professionals Unit, and Amy Corriveau, Deputy Associate Superintendent, Early Childhood.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [] INFORMATION [X] ACTION

DESCRIBED BELOW:

Grant two-year approval for the Additional Teacher Education Program-Bachelors of Arts, Early Childhood Education submitted by Ottawa University.

ATTACHMENTS: YES [] NO [X]